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DEPT PASS TO H. LANIER HICKMAN, EPA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, TECH, JA

SUBJECT: THIRD USG/GOJ SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

1. TORU SANBONGI, MHW SECRETARIAT STAFF MEMBER FOR FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE, CALLED ON SCICOUNS TO REVIEW PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT AGENDA FOR MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT SITE VISITS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY H. L. HICKMAN.

2. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO MAY BE OF USE TO EPA TEAM:

A. RESERVATIONS AT OKURA HOTEL FOR TOKYO PART OF VISIT WILL BE REMADE BY EMBASSY VICE MHW, RESULTING IN 10 PERCENT DISCOUNT FOR TEAM MEMBERS.

B. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS IN JAPAN BEING MADE BY MHW. MHW STAFF MEMBER WILL ACCOMPANY. COST OF HOTELS OUTSIDE OF TOKYO WILL BE ABOUT 21,000 YEN (\$70) TOTAL PER USG VISITOR. COST OF FIRST-CLASS TRAIN TICKETS PER VISITOR WILL BE ABOUT 20,400 YEN (\$68). PORTIONS OF TRIP WILL BE BY GOJ-FURNISHED AUTO.

C. MHW SENT ITS TECHNICAL REPORTS TO HICKMAN ON UNCLASSIFIED

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APRIL 12 VIA INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL. IT HAS NOT RECEIVED

EPA REPORTS AS OF APRIL 15.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT TWO RECEPTIONS IN TOKYO ARE PLANNED FOR VISITORS AND THERE UNDOUBEDLY BE ADDITIONAL TYPICAL JAPANESE HOSPITALITY, DURING COURSE OF SITE VISITS. NO SOCIAL EVENT PLANNED FOR EVENING OF THURSDAY, MAY 13. WOULD EPA TEAM BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING RECEPTION AT SANNO HOTEL? APPROXIMATELY 25 JAPANESE WILL BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EPA REPS. TOTAL COST OF RECEPTION WOULD BE ABOUT \$250.

4. SANBONGI HAS SUGGESTED THAT HICKMAN OR ENTIRE EPA TEAM PAY COURTESY CALL ON YAMASHITA ON MAY 11, PRIOR TO CONFERENCE. HICKMAN LECTURE SCHEDULED FOR 3:00 P.M. MAY 11. APPOINTMENT COULD BE SET UP BEFORE LECTURE.

5. FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OF TEAM IN TOKYO, EMBASSY SUGGESTS USE OF TAXIS. CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ROOM OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ABOUT FIVE MINUTE RIDE FROM HOTEL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: A. DOES EPA WISH TO HOST RECEPTION? EARLY ANSWER NEEDED SO RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE IF DESIRED.

B. DOES HICKMAN WISH APPOINTMENT ON 5/11 WITH YAMASHITA? HODGSON

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